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SUBJECT: GOC PRESIDENT REQUESTS SPECIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR
SON OF CHILEAN ARMY GENERAL

1. AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET, FONMIN CARVAJAL
HAS INTERVENED WITH ME ON BEHALF OF JORGE FUENZALIDA, 14-YEAR-
OLD SON OF GENERAL DE BRIGADA HERNAN FUENZALIDA (COMMANDER
6TH DIVISION, IQUIQUE), NOW A PATIENT IN WALTER REED HOSPITAL.

2. ACCORDING TO CARVAJAL'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, WHO FILLED
ME IN ON DETAILS OF CASE, JORGE FUENZALIDA WAS OPERATED UPON
FOR CANCER OF PROSTATE THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO AND RETURNED
TO HOSPITAL IN LAST FEW DAYS FOR FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT. WALTER
REED ADVISES THEY UNABLE CONTINUE TREATMENT. PRESIDENT
PINOCHET PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN CASE.

3. I UNDERSTAND CONSTRAINTS AND LIMITATIONS WITH REGARD TO
MEDICAL TREATMENT AT WALTER REED (DEPT'S A-9211, 1974) AND
HAVE EXPLAINED THESE TO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT. NEVERTHELESS,
APPEARS TO ME THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING
AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY TO GOC REQUEST. FIRST, THIS IS NOT
A NEW CASE BUT RATHER A CONTINUATION OF TREATMENT ORIGINALLY
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PROVIDED BY WALTER REED. SECOND, A SPECIAL GESTURE AT THIS

TIME WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELL RECEIVED, COMING AS IT WOULD
WHILE CHILEANS ARE REACTING TO AND ANXIOUSLY SWEATING OUT
PARTICULARS RE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT BAN ON MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO CHILE. THIRD, PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL INTEREST
AND FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTERCESSION CLEARLY DENOTE EXCEPTIONAL
WEIGHT ACCORDED TO THIS CASE.

4. IN LIGHT OF HIS VISIT WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET LAST YEAR,
I HOPE SECRETARY CALLAWAY WILL AGREE TO SUPPORT PINOCHET-
CARVAJAL REQUEST, AND THAT OSD WILL DO LIKEWISE. IT WOULD
BE MOST HELPFUL IF I COULD HAVE AN URGENT REPLY TO GIVE TO
CARVAJAL.
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